

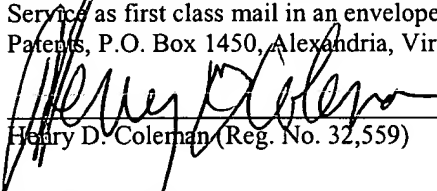


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Applicants: Chu, et al.  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued June 3, 2003. Please amend the application as follows.

Claim Amendments:

Cancel claims 2-23 and amend the remaining claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:
  - a) an azide derivative of a drug, which drug comprises an amino, ~~carbonyl~~ or hydroxyl moiety, wherein in said azide derivative an azide group occurs at the site of said amino, ~~carbonyl~~ or hydroxyl moiety in place of said moiety, said azide derivative being capable of being converted to said drug in vivo by replacement of said azide group with said amino, ~~carbonyl~~ or hydroxyl moiety of said drug; and
  - b) a suitable pharmaceutical carrier